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STATEMENT

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Councilmember Gloria Comments on Proposed Budget Ballot Initiative

Local taxpayer dollars must be protected

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today issued the following statement about the proposed ballot initiative to safeguard local funds from borrowing by the State of California.

"San Diegans pay taxes with an understanding of how they will be spent, including portions staying in our City for essential services. The State of California's repeated raids and redirection of our funds lack transparency and are simply unfair to taxpayers.

"San Diegans require certain services, and the State's hoarding of funds has proven to negatively impact our region. Even after borrowing \$5 billion from San Diego and other cities, the State still eliminated transit funding for the next five years, causing the tremendous erosion of essential transit service here.

"To protect transit service, to ensure continuity of public safety services and to strengthen trust with taxpayers, local funds must be protected."

For more information about the proposed ballot initiative, please visit http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilcomm_agendas_attach/2010/Budget_100106-1b.pdf.

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